(c) The Ministry of Tourism and the Director General Tourism's Organisations are a combined Office and, therefore, a separate building in one of the satellite towns nearer to Delhi cannot be considered. The reason why alternate accommodation was hired was that the staff had represented that the conditions in the C-I Hutments were not conducive to a healthy working environment.

Removal of ban export of vintage cars

*32. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to lift the ban on export of vintage cars;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) In order to preserve such cars within the country they have been placed in the Negative List of Exports in the Export & Import Policy (1992-97).

Implications of the Narasimham Committee report on free entry of foreign banks

*33. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have examined the implications of the Narasimham Committee's recommendation on free entry of foreign banks into the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the decision taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether any conditions are proposed to be imposed by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Recommendations of the Committee on the Financial System (Chairman — Shri M. Narasimham) relating to the policy with regard to foreign banks in India are under examination.

Outcome of Finance Minister's visit to Japan

*34. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the outcome of his talks during his recent visit to Japan;

(b) whether it is a fact that Japan has agreed to consider India's request for quick disbursing of aid through O.D.A.

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and also the conditions, if any, stipulated by Japan;

(d) whether any high level mission from Japan has visited India in this regard; and

(e) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) There is appreciation in Japan, at both political and business levels, of India's economic reforms programme. The current assessment of the Japanese business community about India's economic prospects is favourable. There is recognition that countries implementing major economic reforms may face transitional problems requiring international support. Japanese authorities are sympathetic to India's case for quick